

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 - 4, 6 - 9, 11 - 20, 22 - 25 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 6 - 7, 9, 11 - 13, 18, 19, 22 and 23 have been amended. Claims 2, 5, 10, and 21 have been cancelled. Claim 25 has been added.

Claims 1 - 3, 5 - 12, and 19 - 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bowling (U. S. Patent No. 6,357,159). Claims 1 - 2, 5, 10 - 12 and 19 - 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Burrison (U. S. Publication No. 20030200694 A1). Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bowling.

Claims 13 - 17 and 21 - 24 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of original claim 13 and of base claim 10. Claim 19 has been amended to include all of the limitations of original base claim 19 and allowable claim 21. Claim 1 has been amended to include most of the limitations of allowable claim 13. New claim 25 has been added to include the limitations of now allowable claim 19 in apparatus format. No new issues have been raised which would require a further search.

This Amendment should place this in condition for passing to issue. Such action is requested.

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